

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An image data capture device for editing captured image data, the device comprising:
 - at least one image data capture element;
 - an image data processor for generating an image file from said image data acquired by said capture element and modifying said generated image file; and
 - a user data entry device for enabling a user to modify said generated image file, wherein said at least said one image data capture element, said image data processor, and said user data entry device are disposed within a portable container.
2. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said image data capture element is included in a digital camera.
3. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said image data capture element is included in a scanner.
4. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said user data entry device comprises: a pressure-sensitive tablet.
5. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said user data entry device comprises: an electromagnetically coupled pen and writing surface.
6. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein said user data entry device comprises:
 - means for entering text annotation data into said generated image file.
7. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein said user data entry device comprises:
 - means for entering graphical annotation data into said generated image file.
8. (Original) The device of claim 1 further comprising:
 - means for entering image file processing instructions to said device.

9. (Original) The device of claim 1 further comprising:
means for converting handwritten user entries employing said user data entry device into machine recognizable data.
10. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said user data entry device enables superimposition of user data entry on a display of an image file of said generated image files.
11. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said user data entry device enables annotation of said generated image files by direction.
12. (Original) The device of claim 1 further comprising:
a communication interface for coupling said device to a network.
13. (Original) A method for annotating information in an image capture device, the method comprising the steps of:
capturing image data within said image capture device;
receiving user-entered data in connection with selected captured ones of said image data;
annotating said selected ones of said captured image data with said received user-entered data; and
performing said steps of capturing, receiving, and annotating within a portable assembly.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13 comprising the further step of:
providing a network interface within said portable assembly.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein said annotating step comprises the steps of:

displaying a first image file of selected captured image data;
superimposing said user-entered data on said displayed first image file; and
providing a continuously updated display of said first image file as modified by said user-entered data.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13 further comprising the step of:
electronically mailing said annotated selected ones of ~~said~~ at least one image ~~files~~ file to
at least one recipient, said recipient specified in said annotating step.

17. (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising the step of:
saving said annotated selected ones of said image data.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein said step of saving comprises the step
of:
transmitting said annotated selected ones of said image data over a public network to a
node on said public network.

19. (Currently Amended) An optical scanner comprising:
means for capturing image data;
means for displaying selected image data;
means for receiving user-entered data in connection with said selected image data;
means for interpreting said received user-entered data;
means for superimposing said received user-entered data on said displayed selected
image data; and
means for annotating said displayed selected image data with said superimposed received
user-entered data, wherein said optical scanner is a portable assembly.

20. (Original) The optical scanner of claim 19 further comprising:
a communication interface for enabling said optical scanner to communicate over a data communication network, under at least partial control of said means for annotating.

21. (Original) The optical scanner of claim 19 wherein the means for receiving comprises:
means for receiving handwritten graphical data.